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CHANGE IN EXAM PATTERN
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to change the exam pattern into grading system at school level and make class tenth exam optional in accordance with the National Curriculum Frame Work-2005;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the response of States in this regard;

(c) the steps taken or being takeft jto ensure that changed/proposed pattern of examination at school level does not affect the efficiency of the students;

(d) whether the Union Government proposes to set up one nation one board for school education in the entire country;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the steps taken by the Government to ease mental stress, on the students and the parents?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SMT. D. PURANDEÂ£WARI)

(a) & (b): The National Curriculum Framework - 2005 has recommended that the Board should consider, as a long term measure, making the Class-X Examination optional, thus permitting students continuing in the same school (and who do not need a Board certificate) to take an internal schools exam instead. Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has proposals to introduce grading system in Class -X Examination and to make Class- X Examination optional for students continuing to study in the same school in Class- XI.

(C): The following steps are meant to ensure that the efficiency is adversely affected.

1. To complete the required course of study of Classes IX and X as per Board`s scheme of studies and to follow the prescribed text books

2. The school to conduct the examination on the basis of the curriculum prescribed by the CBSE

3. The pattern of question paper in the internal school examination to be similar to the Board`s exams.

4. To strengthen continuous and comprehensive evaluation up to Class X.

(d): No, Sir.

(e): Does not arise.

(f): CBSE has taken the following measures:

1. Fifteen minutes of additional time is given to students for reading the question paper before they begin to write the answer in the examination.

2. The question paper in some of the important subjects has been restructured to enable a student to complete the answer well in time.

3. The number of questions has been reduced.

4. 5 chances are provided for Compartment Examination in two subjects in Class X and one subject in Class - XII.

5. There has been a shift from content based testing to problem solving and competency based testing.